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Document A1 discloses a photoelectric conversion element array for reading a monochrome copy in addition to a photoelectric conversion element array for reading a color copy. The document further discloses that a light-receiving amount of a CCD reduces in the case of uses a filter. An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). An English language abstract is provided herewith.

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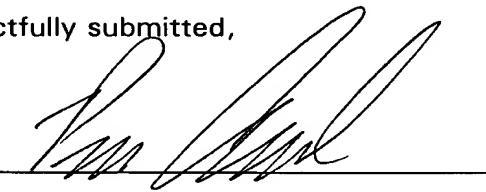
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